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The City of Norman officially launched new webcasting technology in January 2010. This technology provides citizens the opportunity to watch local City Council and Planning Commission meetings live and on-demand after the meeting. Users can instantly replay captured video of all or part of a meeting through the City's web site www.CityofNorman.com by clicking on the link on the homepage.

Currently, Cox Communications cablecasts each regular City Council and Planning Commission meeting live through Channel 20. However, due to Cox's recent upgrade to digital broadcast, you must have a digital television or receiver box from Cox Communications to view it. If you do not have a digital television or receiver box, Cox will provide analog only residential customers one digital box with no monthly equipment charge for one year. Customers are encouraged to call Cox at (405) 600-7129 to arrange for this one time offer.

We are excited that citizens will now have access to archived meetings of the City Council and will be able to use key word searches through archived agendas to locate items of interest. In addition, citizens will have access to the same background reference documents that the City Council considered in making its decisions. These same reference documents are also available prior to the Council meeting on the City website.

"The City is very excited about this new technology as a way to reach out to a greater number of residents and members of the community," said Brenda Hall, City Clerk.

The new on-demand service is powered by San Francisco-based Granicus, Inc., the premier provider of government webcasting and public meeting management solutions to over 600 government agencies spanning all 50 states across the nation. The Granicus solution includes streaming software to capture, manage, store and distribute on-line video recordings.

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